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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Brits, Willem Hendrik  
Application Number: 09/830,855  
Filing Date: April 27, 2001  
Title: A METHOD FOR PREPARING A  
SAMPLE FOR ANALYSIS OF  
PREVIOUS METAL CONTENT  
Examiner Name: Cross, L.  
Group Art Unit: 1743

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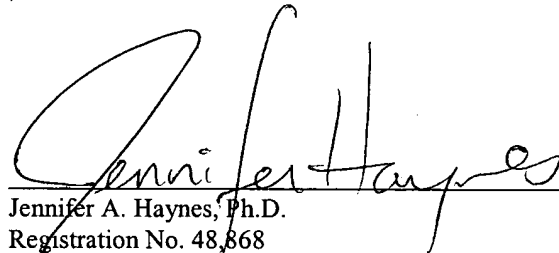
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**AMENDMENT and RCE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 10, 2004, Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Summary of the Interview** begins on page 4 of this paper,

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper